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## 11 COURTROOM TESTIMONY

# 11.1 Objectives

- 11.1.1 To familiarize the trainee with the functions of a criminal courtroom proceeding
- 11.1.2 To have the trainee prepare a current curriculum vitae (or resume) and properly answer voir dire questioning
- 11.1.3 To familiarize the trainee with proper methods of presenting expert testimony

## 11.2 Estimated Time: One Month

#### 11.3 Methods of Instructions

- 11.3.1 Reading assignments
- 11.3.2 Observation of expert testimony
- 11.3.3 Answering examination questions throughout training modules to lay jury or judge
- 11.3.4 Practical exercises (mini-mock trials)
- 11.3.5 Literature Review
  - 11.3.5.1 Kuzmack, N.T., JD, MA. *Legal Aspects of Forensic Science* in Saferstein's *Forensic Science Handbook*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1982 pp 1-27.
  - 11.3.5.2 Babitsky S. and J. Mangraviti. *How to Excel during Cross-Examination. Techniques for Experts that Work.* Falmouth, MA: SEAK, 1997.
  - 11.3.5.3 Kogan, J. Being a Good Expert Witness in a Criminal Case. J For Sci 23(1): 190-200, 1978.

## 11.3.6 Demonstration

11.3.6.1 Expert courtroom testimony will be observed from beginning to end and notes will be taken by the Trainee.

### 11.3.7 Practical Exercises

- 11.3.7.1 Complete required reading assignments
- 11.3.7.2 Complete curriculum vitae or resume
- 11.3.7.3 Mini mock trials

## 11.4 Evaluation

- 11.4.1 Written Exam
  - 11.4.1.1 This will be administered as a "take home" exam.
- 11.4.2 Courtroom Exercise

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11.4.2.1 The Trainee must be capable of answering questions on this Module such as would be expected in a courtroom scenario.

# 11.5 Examination Questions

- 11.5.1 Discuss the role of the following during a trial:
  - 11.5.1.1 Expert witness
  - 11.5.1.2 Judge
  - 11.5.1.3 Prosecutor
  - 11.5.1.4 Defendant
  - 11.5.1.5 Defense counsel
  - 11.5.1.6 Jury
- 11.5.2 Define the following:
  - 11.5.2.1 Voir dire
  - 11.5.2.2 Direct examination
  - 11.5.2.3 Cross examination
  - 11.5.2.4 Redirect
  - 11.5.2.5 Chain of custody
- 11.5.3 Verbally answer the following questions to the training coordinator or designee:
  - 11.5.3.1 What is your name?
  - 11.5.3.2 What is your occupation?
  - 11.5.3.3 For whom do you work?
  - 11.5.3.4 How long have you been so employed?
  - 11.5.3.5 What are your duties in this occupation?
  - 11.5.3.6 What education and training do you possess that qualifies you to perform your duties?
  - 11.5.3.7 What specific courses have you taken that are directly related to toxicology analysis?
  - 11.5.3.8 How are these courses related? For example, what did you learn in your general chemistry course that aids you in the analysis of forensic toxicology samples?
  - 11.5.3.9 What is the definition of an expert witness?
  - 11.5.3.10 Is the university/college you graduated from accredited, and if so, by whom?
  - 11.5.3.11 Who conducted your training?

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11.5.3.12 What are his/her/their qualifications?			
11.5.3.13 What literature do you read relating to your job?			
11.5.3.14 How many analyses have you done on forensic cases?			
1.5.3.15 Do you belong to a recognized society attesting to your q	ualifications in toxicology?		
1.5.3.16 Have you written any articles or published materials deal	ing with your work?		
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